



IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: RICHARDSON

TITLE: PAINT BRUSH CLEANING ACCESSORY

ART UNIT: 3728

Ser. No.: 09/955,778

EXAMINER: LUONG, S.

COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

RECEIVED
FEB 25 2003
TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

ATTACHMENT TO
RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED 10/09/02

Attached is a marked up version of the amendments to Claim as provided for in 37 C.F.R. 1.121(c)(1).

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

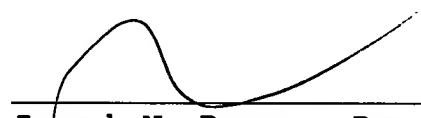
-- 1. (Amended) A paint brush cleaning [accessory] lid comprising:

a support plate having a number of brush handle passage openings formed therethrough, a spring guide insert connected to a top side of the support plate such that the exterior perimeter edge thereof is adjacent to each of the brush handle passage openings, a paint brush support plate connected to a top of the spring guide insert and having a number of inward curving brush handle receiving notches equal to the number of brush handle passage openings, one brush handle receiving notch being positioned partially above one of the brush handle passage openings, and a handle retaining spring positioned around the exterior perimeter edge of the spring guide insert and having the two spring ends thereof attached together to form a closed loop; the brush handle retaining spring being sufficiently strong to retain a handle of a paintbrush pushed

through a brush handle passage opening of the support plate and
located between the [a] handle retaining spring positioned around
the exterior perimeter edge of the spring guide insert;

the support plate having multiple can insert snaps extending
5 from a bottom surface thereof that are positioned to seat into a
channel formed about the top opening of a paint can. [The paint
brush cleaning accessory may optionally be provided with a hanging
support structure in supporting connection with the support plate;
a compressional support/attachment structure in connection with a
10 bottom side of the support plate, such as two or more can insert
snaps extending from the bottom surface of the support plate; or
both a hanging support structure and a compressional
support/attachment structure.] --

15 **Respectfully submitted:**


20 **Joseph N. Breaux, Reg. No. 36,462**
10630 N. Oak Hills Pkwy., Ste. A
Baton Rouge, LA 70810
(225) 769-8500